Sri M. S. KRISHNAN :—Would it be possible to say the percentage of copper that is found in the ore that is just started and whether it is considered to be reasonable ?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA :—On technical advice I am informed that it is reasonable and the prospects seem to be very good.

Sri BAPU GOWDA RAYAPPA :—The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that a sum of Rs. 20 lakhs has been allotted in the budget. May I know the total amount that would be required to start the project at Tinthini and may I know whether you have made provisions in the State. Plan ?

Sri S.M. KRISHNA :— This Rs. 20 lakhs is an ad hoc provision made in the budget so that we can have considerable margin for exploratory. work that we are going to take up this year. I am sure the Chief Minister and the Finance Minister will not be averse in making provision if surplus money were to be needed. I can assure that the Government is very serious about exploring the possibilities in Tinthini and in Kalyadi.

Sri DODDATHIMMIAH :—It was reported in the press that the Hon. minister when he visited Delhi he talked with the authorities of the Mines and Metal Corporation and requested them for their association with this project. What is the result and what is the reaction of that corporation ?

Sri S.M. KRISHNA :—It is a fact that I have had some preliminary discussions with the Union Minister for Steel and Mines and I have also mooted the idea of associating the Hindustan Copper Corporation. Copper is a precious commodity and we are importing copper. I am sure the assistance and co-operation of the Government of India and the Hindustan Copper Corporation can be looked forward.

Sri DODDATHIMMIAH :—It is answered that the Chitradurga Copper Company is not in charge of this project. May I know what is the work of this company ?

Sri S.M. KRISHNA :—Chitradurga Copper Company is taking care of Ingaldal in Chitradurga. They have set up copper concentrate manufacturing plant. They are working it. The question is whether Tinthini and Kalyadi are to be tacked on to the Chitradurga or a new company has to be floated. The Government is exercising its mind whether to have a new company or to tack on to the Chitradurga Company.

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF TASAR SILK

764. Sri DODDATHIMMIAH (Gulur) :—
Will the Minister of State for Sericulture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total production of Tasar Silk per annum in Mysore State for the last three years ?

(*b*) the quantity of the same exported so far for the last three years ?

Sri S.B. NAGARAL (Minister of State for Sericulture):—

(a) 1970—71	...	Nil	
1971—72	...	2.480 Kgs.	(Experimental production)
1972—73	...	3.500 Kgs.	do

(*b*) The Tasar silk has not been exported.

Sri DODDATHIMMIAH :—It is stated that the Tasar silk is not exported. Is it because that we do not produce sufficient quantity of silk or is it for any other reason that we are not exporting ?

Sri S.B. NAGARAL :—It is still at experimental stage. We have not got so much Tasar silk for export purposes.

Sri DODDATHIMMIAH :—I understand that sometime ago the Government of India sanctioned about Rs. 8 crores for improving the quality of silk. May I know whether any amount has been received by our State for development of silk.

Sri S.B. NAGARAL :—That was for crash programme and it does not apply to Tasar silk. That programme applies only to mulberry.

Sri DODDATHIMMIAH :—I understand that the Government of India had invited two Japanese experts to give advice for improving the quality of silk. Have they given any advice to Mysore Government and as a result of which is the quality of silk improved ?

Sri S.B. NAGARAL :—Yes, we are taking almost all the expert advice to improve the quality of silk. We are going to improve the quality of silk.

SUBMERSION OF LAND BY TONNUR TANK IN PANDAVAPUR TALUK

767. Sri D. HALAGE GOWDA (Pandavapura).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the survey numbers of the ryots self-holdings will be submerged when the tank at Tonnur in Pandavapura Taluk is full ;

(*b*) the years in which this old tank was full and thereby the extent of land of self-holdings was submerged ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that representations have been received by the Government for relief from the affected ryots ;